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IN/THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DEMANDATICANTS: Michael D. Cecchi et al

Docket No.: H-1351

Serial No.: 10/053,944

Group: 1744

Filed: January 24, 2002

Examiner: D. Redding

For: "Biological Specimen Culturing System and Method With Onboard Specimen

Development Sensors"

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application which holding is dated May 3, 2004.

FACTS:

- 1) On May 3, 2004, a Notice of Abandonment of the above-identified application was mailed to the undersigned. A copy of that notice is enclosed herewith. The grounds for alleging abandonment of the subject patent application is a failure by applicants to timely file a proper reply to an Office letter mailed to the undersigned on October 14, 2003.
- 2) The undersigned never received any correspondence from the Office bearing an October 14, 2003 mailing date. A declaration from the undersigned attesting to that fact is enclosed herewith.
- 3) Other than the notice of Abandonment, the only other papers received from the Office relating to the captioned patent application are: a) a filing receipt (copy enclosed); b) a notice of publication of the application (copy enclosed); and a notice of recordation of the assignment of the application (copy enclosed). None of the aforesaid three documents are dated October 14, 2003, and none of them require any response from applicants.

REMARKS



The failure to respond to a letter from the Office which was dated October 14, 2003 relating to the above-identified application was unavoidable due to the fact that the undersigned never received the letter in question.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted and that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, so that prosecution of this application can proceed without undue delay. It is not believed that any fees are due in connection with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Jones Attorney for Applicant Reg. No. 24,607 6 Juniper Lane Madison, CT 06443

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Date: 5-7-04



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DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

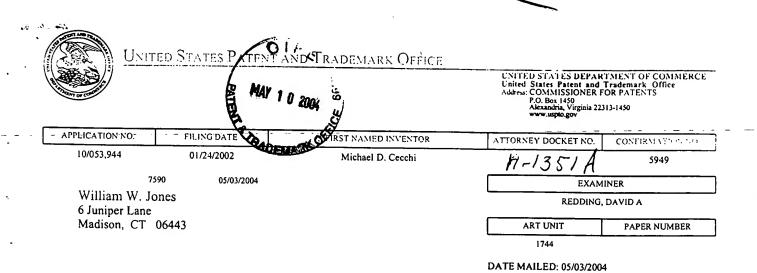
I, William W. Jones declare that I am the attorney of record named in the above-identified application for U.S. Letters Patent.

- 1. I have received a Notice of Abandonment relating to the above-identified patent application, which Notice of Abandonment was dated May 3, 2004.
- 2. The Notice of Abandonment alleges grounds for abandonment of the subject application which is based on a failure by applicants to timely respond to an Office letter which was dated October 14, 2003 and which was allegedly mailed to the undersigned at that time.
- 3. I never received any letter dated October 14, 2003 from the Office relating to the subject application.
- 4. I have enclosed copies of each and every correspondense from the Office that I have received which relate to this patent application, and I declare that the enclosed correspondence are the only correspondence that I have received from the Office dealing with this patent application.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

William W. Jones, Reg. Wo. 24.607

Date: 5-7-0



Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address		
This application is abandoned in view of:		
1. Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on /a/r//203 (a) A reply was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of month(s)) which expired on		
(b) A proposed reply was received on, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.		
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).		
(c) A reply was received on but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).		
(d) ⊠ No reply has been received.		
2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).		
(a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).		
(b) The submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. A balance of \$ is due.		
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ T		OFR 1.18(d), is \$
(c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.		
3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).		
(a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.		
(b) No corrected drawings have been received.		
4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.		
5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.		
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims. 7. ☐ The reason(s) below: DAVID A. REDDING PRIMARY EXAMINER GROUP 1300		
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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Title

Biological specimen-culturing system and method with onboard specimen development sensors

Preliminary Class



Title 35, United States Code, Section 184 Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

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